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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 January 2024, in Cairo. The representative of the State that chaired the twenty-third session of the Committee will deliver a welcome statement, followed by an opening statement by the ESCWA secretariat.

2. Election of officers

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia states: "Member States shall chair the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations. Unless the Commission decides otherwise, those bodies shall elect all their other officers".* The Committee shall elect two vice-chairs and a rapporteur from representatives of member States.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, which applies to subsidiary bodies, states: "At the beginning of each session, once the Chair has assumed his/her duties in accordance with rule 12, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda". Pursuant to that rule, the Committee shall adopt the agenda and the organization of work as submitted in documents E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/L.1 and E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/L.2, respectively, or with the required amendments.

Follow-up issues

4. Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme plan and of technical cooperation activities in the field of transport and logistics (E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/3)

The Committee will review the activities implemented since its twenty-third session at the headquarters of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT), in Alexandria, Egypt, on 20 and 21 October 2022. Some of those activities were included in the ESCWA programme plan, and others were implemented based on requests by member States for technical cooperation.

The Committee is invited to review those activities and comment thereon.

5. Geographic information system for transport networks and facilities in the Arab region: latest developments (E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/4)

The Committee will review the latest developments related to the geographic information system project for transport networks and facilities in the Arab region since its twenty-third session, and the plan of the ESCWA secretariat to continue working on this project in the future. The Committee will also discuss recommendations made to member States on ways to optimize the benefits of the project and move forward in developing an integrated transport system in Arab countries.

The Committee on Transport and Logistics is invited to review the contents of the document and comment thereon.

* ESCWA member States in the Arabic alphabetical order are as follows: Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Djibouti, the Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Oman, the State of Palestine, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania and Yemen.

6. Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its twenty-third session, and developments in the transport and logistics sectors in member States (E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/5 and interventions by representatives of member States)

The Committee will review progress made by the ESCWA secretariat in implementing the recommendations addressed to it at the twenty-third session. Representatives of member States will make presentations on progress in implementing the recommendations addressed to them (included in the document [E/ESCWA/C.5/2022/9/Report](#)), and on the developments in the transport and logistics sectors at the national level.

Representatives of ESCWA member States wishing to give a presentation or make an intervention under this item are invited to submit a request in advance to the Committee Bureau.

New issues in the transport and logistics sectors

7. Logistics performance in the Arab region: overview of developments (E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/6)

The Committee will discuss the state of logistics efficiency in the Arab region, performance development, infrastructure, and the various indicators and their impact on regional development. The Committee will address the issue of bottlenecks in ports, given its importance to logistics efficiency.

The Committee is invited to express its views and provide interventions on the potential for improving performance in the logistics sector in the Arab region.

8. Round-table discussion: financing road safety (E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/7)

The Committee will hold a round-table discussion aimed at unlocking sustainable national funding opportunities to improve road safety, by benefiting from the programmes and opportunities provided by various United Nations organizations and international funding bodies.

Representatives of member States are invited to participate in the round-table discussion by presenting the experiences of the countries in financing the improvement and management of road safety.

9. Land electric mobility in the Arab region: options and opportunities (E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/8)

The Committee will discuss a report prepared by the ESCWA secretariat as part of an initiative aimed at analysing megatrends of change with significant economic, social, financial, cultural and environmental implications. The report focuses primarily on land electric mobility, and discusses the rapid increase in the number of electric cars, trucks and other road vehicles, including light-weight transport and electric buses in public transport systems.

The Committee is invited to express its views on this subject and to make interventions on initiatives to develop electric mobility in the Arab countries.

10. Sustainable transport development in Arab countries (E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/9)

The Committee will discuss ways to develop sustainable transport in Arab countries, and its role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The Committee will review related ESCWA initiatives, and current and future United Nations activities in this regard, including proclaiming World Sustainable Transport Day, planning a high-level meeting in 2024, and preparing for the proclamation of the United Nations Decade for Sustainable Transport starting in 2026.

The Committee is invited to express its observations and views on the development of sustainable transport in the Arab countries and to take note of future activities in this field to enhance the participation of Arab countries therein.

11. Date and venue of the twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics

The Committee will agree on the date and venue of its twenty-fifth session.

12. Other matters

This item will cover any other matters that the Committee may wish to raise and discuss.

13. Adoption of recommendations made by the Committee on Transport and Logistics at its twenty-fourth session

The Committee will consider the draft recommendations for discussion and adoption.
